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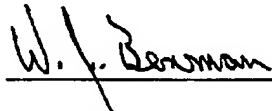
Claims 1 – 17 are presently pending. In the above-identified Office Action, Claims 1 – 7 and 17 were allowed while Claims 15 and 16 were objected to. The Examiner rejected Claims 8 – 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kober *et al.* ('216).

The indication of allowed and allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. By this Paper, the limitations of Claims 13 – 15 have been incorporated into Claim 8 and Claims 13 – 15 have been canceled to place the Application in condition for allowance. These changes have been made without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the rejected Claims in a divisional application.

The Application is in proper form for allowance. Passage to issue is respectfully requested.

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